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## Mayor Coleman's No School Day Program to Expand to 38 Recreation Centers

Coleman Encourages Residents to Take Part in Program during This Week's Teachers
Statewide Conference

(Saint Paul) - Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman announced today that his Second Shift No School Day program will be extended to 38 of the City's Recreation Centers this week while the Saint Paul Public Schools are out of session for the Statewide Teachers Conference. The Citywide expansion will be the first No School Day since more than 1800 children took part in the pilot program earlier this year.

"Our No School Day program has been a tremendous success and we are extremely pleased to have the ability to bring this programming to children citywide. Providing accessible, affordable and academically rich opportunities to our children during their out of school time is our goal with our Second Shift Initiative, and we know our No School Days are going to make a real difference and help put these kids on the path to success both in the classroom and out," Coleman said.

The Second Shift No School Day program gives children the opportunity to participate in quality, structured activities during days that the Saint Paul Public School district has no school – such as the State Teachers Conference, Winter Break and Spring Break. The No School Day program allows working parents to send their children to a safe and engaging environment where they might have otherwise had to take off work or leave their children unsupervised because of work-related issues.

Mayor Coleman's Second Shift No School Day program began as a pilot program on the East Side in the fall of 2006. Over 300 children from, Ames Elementary School and Eastern Heights Elementary School and Nokomis Montessori Magnet School participated in all-day programming at Hazel Park Recreation Center. During the SPPS spring break last year, more than 1,800 children took part in expanded No School Day Programs. Due to these successes Mayor Coleman announced that the City will expand the No School Day program citywide during the fall of 2007.